Council of India has constituted seven Zonal Advisory Committees to provide opportunity to regional institutions working in disability related areas to develop awareness of the role and activities of the Council and ensuring rapid progress in the development of Rehabilitation Council of India approved courses in each region.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Development of minorities in J and K

4607. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to formulate a comprehensive plan for the educational and economic development of minorities in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) to (c) Any scheme formulated by the Ministry is for the entire country and not for a specific State. A number of schemes are being implemented by this Ministry, by Maulana Azad Educational Foundation, and also by Ministry of Human Resource Development for educational development of minorities. The National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation, a PSU established for economic development of weaker sections amongst the minorities under the control of this Ministry, is also implementing its schemes of financial assistance to minorities at subsidized rate of interest. All these schemes of educational and economic development of minorities are being implemented all over India including Jammu and Kashmir.

Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers

4608. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme had been launched in the country under National Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers for training and their rehabilitation in alternative occupations;